

# Maryland Historical Trust/ National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

PG#74A-14  
MHT Inventory No.

MHT Computer No.

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. For instructions, see the Trust publication National Register Application Guidelines. Type all entries.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Oatland  
other names (Partnership)  
Seton Belt Barn (at Oatland) (preferred)

## 2. Location

street & number Church Road north of Central Avenue ☐ not for publication  
city, town Mitchellville ☐ vicinity Leeland  
state Maryland code \_\_\_\_\_ county Prince George's code \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Classification

### Ownership of Property

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

### Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing: ☐

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

## 4. OWNERSHIP

W. Seton Belt Estate, c/o Hugh Gourlay, trustee

Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore

766 Old Hammonds Ferry Road

Linthicum, Maryland 21090

## 5. RESERVED (leave this space blank)

submit completed applications to:

National Register Administrator  
Maryland Historical Trust  
Arnold Village Professional Center  
1517 Ritchie Highway  
Arnold, Maryland 21012

**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE

AGRICULTURE

storage

Tobacco hanging

animal facility

agricultural outbuilding

**.. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Victorian vernacular

foundation brick

walls weatherboard

roof metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:**

The Seton Belt Barn is a large rectangular multi-use barn, built for livestock use and adapted for the hanging of tobacco. It has a central open drive-through passage which divides the main level into two discrete functional spaces: a stable on the east, and corn crib and storage spaces on the west. The entire second level is now devoted to the hanging of tobacco, accessible from the central passage by means of a neatly finished staircase. The structural components are both hewn and circular-sawn; many new, non-structural posts have been installed in the second story level for the hanging of tobacco. The barn is distinguished by its unusual jerkinhead roofline; and its profile highlighted by decorated pyramidal-roof cupolas. Cornices are boxed and returned, and enclose at each end a louvered bullseye window. There are remnants of dark red and robin's-egg blue paint on the window frames and cornice soffits, which indicate that the Seton Belt Barn was not only multi-functional, but a highly decorative structure.

☐ See continuation sheetFor GENERAL DESCRIPTION, see  
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General Description

The Seton Belt Barn is a large rectangular multi-use barn with jerkinhead roof and louvered cupolas at the ridge. It has a central open drive-through aisle, and is distinguished by its unusual roofline and profile.

The barn is two and one half stories high, 77 by 41 feet, seven bays by two; on each of the long north and south elevations, there are three (second-story) windows on each side of the central passage. This drive-through passage runs north and south through the center of the building; the passage is fourteen feet wide, and is fully sided on its interior walls with board-and-batten siding. Windows have plain board surrounds; all are louvered, and some windows have louvers which are adjustable by means of a central vertical shaft.

The post and stud framing is sheathed with horizontal board, circular-sawn; principal posts are hewn and the intermediate studs are circular sawn. The hewn sill beam (ca. 12" square in section) rests on a single-width brick foundation reinforced in some places with concrete. The hewn sill beam is continuous across all openings except the central passage. The brick foundation ranges in height from one to three feet above grade, and is topped by one course in rowlock.

The peaks of the gable roof are clipped at the east and west gable ends, forming a jerkinhead roof profile. The cornices are boxed and returned at these gable ends. Centered high in each of the gable ends and enclosed within the returned cornices is a louvered bullseye window. there are pyramidal-roof louvered cupolas at the ridge; each is decorated with jigsawn pendants at its overhanging eaves. Both the barn roof and the roofs of the cupolas are covered with standing seam metal painted red.

On the long north elevation, there is a second-story door above the central cross passage, and three louvered windows on each side of this central opening. On the long south elevation, there are five entrances into the barn, two to the west of the central passage and three to the east. As on the north elevation, the second story openings consist of three windows on each side of a second-story door. The central door over the passage is constructed of wide vertical planks fastened to inner horizontal boards by a regular and decorative pattern of large-headed nails. The door hangs on two long iron strap hinges with garnet heads.

There are remnants of swinging vertical-board doors at the north and south ends of the central passage. These doors are in ruinous condition and no longer functional.

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There are remnants of paint on the exterior of the barn, which indicate that this was a highly decorative structure. Remnants of dark red paint can be seen on the window frames and on the soffits of the cornice; remnants of robin's-egg blue can be seen on the louvers of the windows.

This is a multi-use barn, built for livestock use, but adapted for the hanging of tobacco. The central aisle is 14 feet wide; in its ceiling is a large rectangular floor opening, used for loading and unloading crops. Accessible from the northwest part of the passage is an enclosed dog-leg staircase, which has wide treads, beveled rail, and is sheathed with board-and-batten siding. It rises toward the north, turns west at a landing, then rises southward to the second story. The west end of the barn has vertical-slat siding on the first story, and originally served as a corn crib and fodder storage area. Bounded by this corn crib, the staircase, and the central aisle, is a 21-foot square room. This square room (A) has fully finished walls of vertical board attached flush on the studs. In the north wall of this square space (A) is a vertical sliding door which connects with the space (B) just west of the staircase. The latter (northwest) space (B), unlike the square space immediately to the south (A), does not have finished walls. Both spaces have a finished floor of 7/8-inch tongue-and-groove boards supported by the beam and joist frame. Stored in the northerly space (B) are several sections of decorative wooden fencing: square posts cut to pyramidal points at the top, and set at an angle into a horizontal molded base. There is a variation in the height of the posts, giving the fence a curved upper profile.

The westmost section of the barn (C) is a corn crib, sided with vertical slats. This space has the same tongue-and-groove floor as the other two spaces. Below the corn crib is a low crawl space; the floor is supported by brick piers which rest (at the northwest and southwest corners) on concrete blocks.

All of the structure to the east of the central passage is devoted to use as a stable (D) with three small rooms (E,F,G) along the north wall. The westmost of the small rooms (E) serves as a small passageway with entrances into both the central passage and the stable area. Next to it on the east (F) is a storage room with a wooden manger; this space opens only into the stable area. The eastmost of these small spaces (G) is a tack room, and opens into the stable area.

The stable itself is a large open space with three exterior entrances from the south. The central of the three entrances leads to a central aisle with a raised plank floor framed on each side with five posts and low horizontal rails. The aisle leads north to the door into the storage/manger. A ladder is set up in this aisle, leading up to the chute which goes all the way up to the east cupola.

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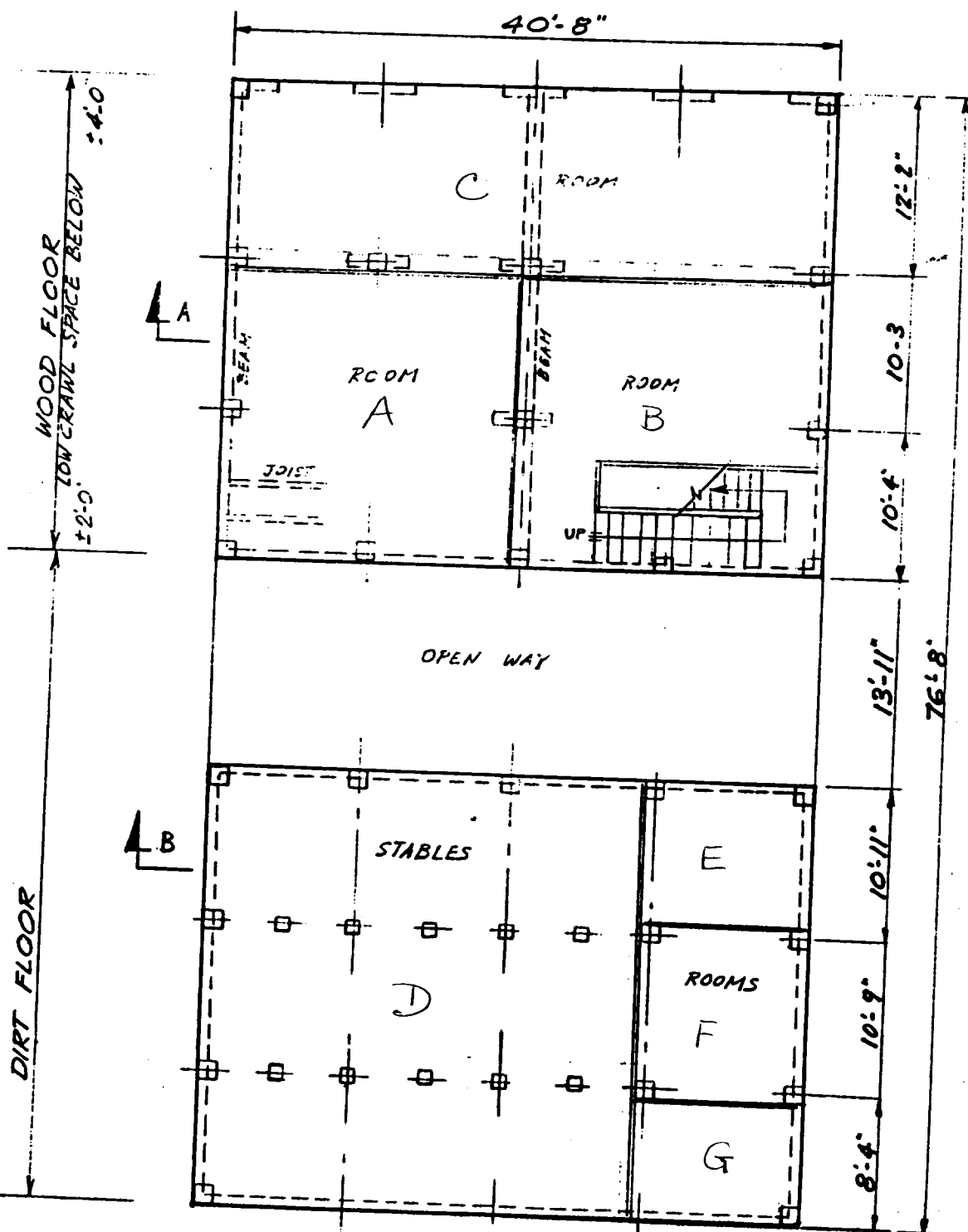
The rest of the stable has a dirt floor. In the southeast corner the hewn sill and plate can be easily observed, as well as the circular sawn studs and downbraces; there are also remnants of wide horizontal board finishing to the interior walls. In the west wall of the stable are three small louvered openings into the central passage. The eastmost exterior door into the stable is intact; it is constructed of wide weathered planks fastened to inner horizontal boards by a regular decorative pattern of large-headed nails, and hanging on two long iron strap hinges with garnet heads.

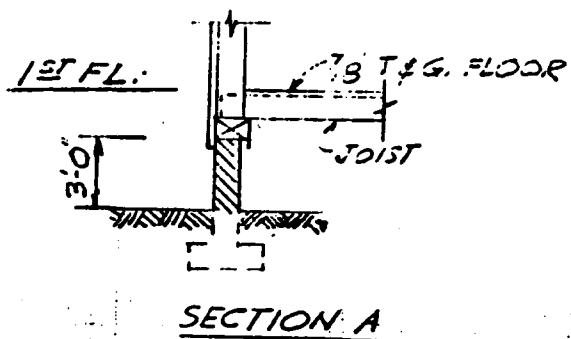
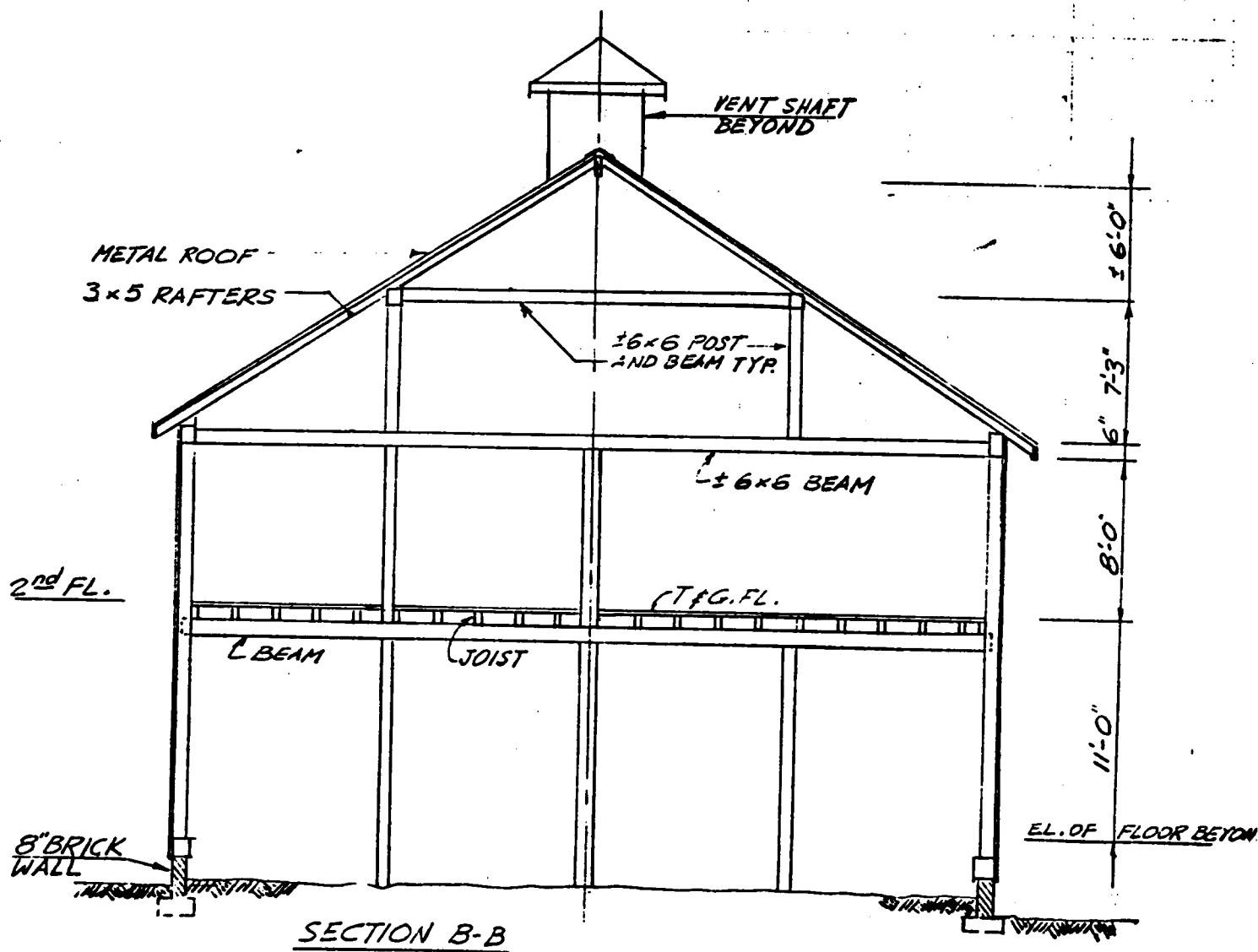
The two-run partially-enclosed stair leads to the second story, which consists of a large area converted into tobacco-hanging space. A partition above the west wall of the first-story passage divides this large area into two unequal spaces. The floor of the second story is of 7/8-inch tongue-and-groove boards. Periodic posts support the frame of the roof, and the metal roof is nailed to 3" by 5" rafters. Between these posts are many non-structural (new) posts for the hanging of tobacco. Nearly centered in the second story floor is the large rectangular opening which allows unloading of crops into the passage below. Nearly centered in the east section (above the stable) is a chute, enclosed with finished wide vertical boards, which allows passage of fodder into the stable area below.

The second story of the barn shows evidence of its conversion into a space for the hanging of tobacco. The interior members are a mixture of re-used and newer materials; the main posts and diagonal braces are hewn and pegged, while all intermediate posts are circular-sawn and joined with nails.

The barn stands south and west of the site of the Belt home at Oatland, marked now by a grove of tall evergreens; this house was destroyed in the 1960's. A farm land leads south past the east end of the barn to a tenant dwelling; south and west of the barn are cultivated fields. At the northeast corner of the barn is a still-functioning pump; it is marked "#1452 Columbiana Pump Co., Columbiana, Ohio."

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# 8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

A Architecture

1890-1940

Agriculture

Cultural Affiliation

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

## SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Seton Belt Barn at Oatland is an excellent example of a Victorian vernacular agricultural building. Built near the end of the nineteenth century on the productive farm of one of the County's wealthiest and most prominent landowners, it is a unique surviving example of its type. Its significance is both agricultural and architectural. As a livestock barn it represents the shift in agricultural practices after the Civil war to a greater emphasis on livestock and fodder crops. As an architectural sample, it is one of the County's best examples of a high-style Victorian barn. It combines efficient use of functional space with elements of decorative detail: clipped gable roofline with boxed returned cornices, louvered windows and cupolas decorated with jigsawn pendants, and finished staircase, some of these features highlighted with bright colored paint. It is an excellent and unique example of a barn type, reflecting the agricultural trends of an area which had its principal economic base in agriculture.

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For HISTORIC CONTEXT and MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN data, see continuation sheets.



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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance - AD 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:

Agriculture  
Small family farmstead  
Tobacco, grain and livestock production

Architecture  
Rural vernacular

Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Functions and Uses:  
Agriculture/Agricultural Outbuildings

Design Source: unknown

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Historic Setting of the Seton Belt Barn at Oatland

Prince George's County has had an agriculture-based economy since the earliest days of its settlement; its principal crop during the eighteenth century was tobacco, and the principal avenue of commerce in the eastern part of the County was the Patuxent River. In 1706 Queen Anne on the Patuxent River was established as a port town, and in 1747 was designated as a tobacco inspection station. Queen Anne remained a bustling commercial village until the middle of the nineteenth century when the river became unnavigable. In 1843, as population in the area increased, Queen Anne Election District (#7) was created out of the east central section of the County; it included the village of the same name, and approximately 50 square miles of wooded and cultivated land including the 600-acre farm on which the subject resource stands.

The period after the Civil War saw a shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one which was dominated by industry and commerce. Towns and suburbs began to develop on the outskirts of Washington, D.C., in northwest Prince George's County. The southern and eastern sections of the County, however, remained entirely rural and dependent upon agriculture for subsistence. Many hereditary plantation owners divided their large land holdings, and sold off parts of the land as smaller farms.

The subject property had from the early years of the nineteenth century been an investment property, owned by a wealthy landowner, farmed and occupied by tenant farmers. It remained so until after the Civil War. When it became the home farm of the prominent and wealthy Belt family, who owned and operated not only four large farms in the vicinity of St. Barnabas' Church, but also the railroad village known as Leeland. Late in the nineteenth century, as agricultural emphasis shifted from tobacco to livestock, members of the Belt family constructed outstanding and unusual livestock barns on two of their farms; similar in plan but not identical, they are unique in the County. The subject barn, which stands on the Belt family Home Farm has been in continuous use since it was constructed, originally for livestock use, and later adapted for the hanging of tobacco.

The period of significance of the Seton Belt Barn at Oatland is from 1890 to 1940, the period of its greatest use, during the lifetime of W. Seton Belt, Jr., who inherited the property from his parents and brother and who lived and worked at the farm.

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Resource History

The Seton Belt Barn stands on part of a plantation known as Oatland, purchased in 1815 by George and Rosalie Calvert of Riversdale; the land was part of the larger Partnership tract, ancestral plantation of the Hall family.<sup>1</sup> The Calverts operated this farm as an investment property; owners of many large and productive plantations, they considered this acreage among the most fertile in the County. At the time of the Calverts' purchase of Oatland, Rosalie Calvert wrote to her brother in Belgium, explaining the purchase as follows:

J'ai acheté l'autre jour une superbe ferme, entre ici et Mont Albion de 600 Acres . . . et l'ai loué pour une année à 5 pct d' intérêt, . . . il n'y a pas un pied de terrain qui n'est de la plus grande fertilité, 80 acres est en bois de la meilleure qualité et une quantité suffisante de prairie. Je compte l'appeller Oatland, c'est un achat entièrement avantageuse, le pauvre homme qui fut obligé de la vendre publiquement pour payer ces dettes est toujours ivre - c'est un Old Batchellor, il a 700 acres joignant où il demeure dans une bonne maison de brique, il ne peut vivre que peu d'annes et alors la partie quil s'est reservé sera vendue ausi. [sic]<sup>2</sup>

The Calverts did not purchase any more of the Hall property; they did continue to cultivate the Oatland farm, however, with a resident overseer, and a labor force of circa 30 slaves.<sup>3</sup>

Oatland was located in the agriculturally rich east-central section of the County known as "The Forest"; it was assessed at a very high value, approximately twice the average value of farmland, thus indicating its considerable productivity, and confirming Rosalie Calvert's glowing description.<sup>4</sup>

Before his death in 1838, George Calvert sold the Oatland farm to his daughter Julia and her husband Richard H. Stuart, who resided in King George's County, Virginia.<sup>5</sup> The Stuarts continued to operate the farm as an investment property, then sold it in 1860 to Dr. Benjamin Lee, who continued to operate it as a tenant farm. The Lee family resided at another of their properties (Oak Hill) approximately three miles to the southwest, part of the larger Northampton tract.<sup>6</sup>

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Dr. Lee's elder daughter, Eleanor, had in 1851 married Dr. William Seton Belt and had settled at Locust Hill, a farm immediately south and east of St. Barnabas' church. Dr. Belt advertised in the Planters' Advocate printed in Upper Marlboro, in July 1853: "Dr. William Seton Belt offers services; he has established himself at the former residence of George W. Bowie near the Brick Church". It was only after Benjamin Lee's death, that the family of his daughter, Eleanor Lee Belt, settled on the Oatland farm.<sup>7</sup>

Dr. Benjamin Lee died in 1863, and in the following year a deed of partition was drawn up to divide his real estate between his daughters. To the younger daughter, Violetta, was allotted the family residence, while Eleanor Belt received the 595-acre Oatland property.<sup>8</sup> Soon after the Civil War the Belts built a fine farm dwelling at Oatland, which henceforth was known to them as the Home Farm.

William Seton and Eleanor Belt had two sons, Benjamin Lee Belt, born in 1852, and William Seton Belt Jr., born nearly 20 years later. Dr. Belt himself died at an early age in December of 1870; his second son was born posthumously early in 1871, and would spend the rest of his life at the Home Farm, supervising the management of the family's farm properties. Eleanor Lee Belt resided at the Home Farm, which remained legally in her name, inherited from her father through family agreement. Most of the land was cultivated; one-fourth of it was wooded including a unique stand of virgin timber. By 1880, the Belts had decreased the amount of tobacco grown on the property to 30,000 from 50,000 pounds on comparable acreage; livestock numbers had increased, especially sheep and poultry, and correspondingly wool and eggs became major produce; apple and peach orchards were planted, producing 300 bushels of fruit in 1880.<sup>10</sup> It was probably in the 1890's that the subject barn was built, probably after Benjamin Lee Belt married Amelia Bowie and moved to her family property (Willow Grove near Collington), and after Seton Belt, Jr., attained his majority. The subject barn, and the similar barn on the Belt family's Belmont farm (approximately one mile to the south), were built for the stabling of horses, and for the storage of fodder. Agricultural census records are not available to confirm the production statistics of the farm after 1880, but the decorative features of the barn are consistent with this period.

At the turn of the century, the Belt family was one of the major landowning families in Prince George's County. They owned four major farm properties: the Home Farm (ca. 600 acres), Belmont (ca. 450 acres), and

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Willow Brook (ca. 800 acres) in Queen Anne District and Locust Hill (ca. 200 acres) and the village of Leeland in the Marlborough District. Leeland consisted of a cluster of stores, post office, blacksmith shop and station on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad near St. Barnabas' Church; the village was named for Dr. Benjamin Lee, who had acquired much of the land for the family, and it gave its name to the general area. After the marriage of Benjamin Lee Belt to Amelia Bowie in 1882, the family ranked among the wealthiest landowners in the County.<sup>11</sup>

The subject barn was certainly one of the handsomest of its period, and reflects the wealth and standing of the Belt family. It had a distinctive profile, with its clipped gables, returned cornices, and decorative cupolas with pyramidal roofs and jigsaw detail. Further and unusual embellishment was provided in the bright paint colors applied to the windows and cornices.

At the same time, the Belt family built a similar barn on their Belmont farm; it has a different roofline (side-gabled with a central crossgable and no cupolas), and its trim consists not of jigsaw pendants and clipped gables, but of handsome jigsaw brackets along all of the cornices. The plan of the Belmont barn, however, is the same as that of the Oatland barn, and the finishing (e.g., the passage staircase) is also the same. No fragments of paint can be observed on the Belmont barn, but with its noticeable profile and trim, this barn also would have been a handsome landmark, reflective of the Belt family's prominence.

Eleanor Lee Belt died in 1915, and in 1921, a deed of partition divided the land which was legally hers between her two sons, Benjamin Lee Belt and W. Seton Belt, Jr.; the former received Oak Hill (the 725-acre home plantation of their grandfather, Dr. Benjamin Lee), and Seton Belt received the Home Farm.<sup>12</sup>

On the Home Farm stood the old mansion which had been built by his parents just after the Civil War, surrounded by flower gardens, and the horse barn a short distance to the west. The barn continued to be used for the stabling of horses and the storage of fodder well into the twentieth century. Seton Belt took over management of all of the properties after the death of his brother in 1935; he remained at the Home Farm and later in his life roomed at a neighboring farm house; members of the Walker family occupied and worked the Home Farm. At some time before Seton Belt's death, the tenant farmers began to use the westerly (corn-crib) section of the barn for the hanging of tobacco. After his death in

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1959, his trustee arranged for the adaptation of the entire second level for the hanging of tobacco. Non-structural posts were installed between the supporting posts in the second story space, and temporary rails were positioned even in the central passage. The stable is no longer in use, but up to the early 1980's, the remainder of the barn was used for tobacco, and the pump provided water for the tenant farmers.<sup>13</sup>

Seton Belt's will devised most of his property to a trustee for the benefit of St. Barnabas' Church, with disposition of the land to be by agreement of the Diocese and the trustee. Belt had hoped that the dwelling, with its fenced yard and rose and vegetable gardens, would become a home for retired Episcopal rectors, but the house itself was vandalized and burned circa 1970, and nothing remains of the yard and gardens. Sale of the property is currently in negotiation, and plans for a residential community are under way.

Resource Analysis

The Seton Belt Barn at Oatland is one of the best examples in Prince George's County of a high-style Victorian barn. It exhibits a number of unique decorative features: clipped gable, or jerkinhead, roofline, louvered cupolas decorated with jigsawn pendants, adjustable louvered windows, and finished staircase, some of these features highlighted by bright colored paint. In a county whose principal product was tobacco, it stands out as an agricultural building not originally related to the cultivation of tobacco.

The period of significance of the barn is from approximately 1890 to 1940, the period of major use of the resource, during the lifetime and farm management of W. Seton Belt, Jr. During this period, the barn saw a partial shift in function with the beginning of its use for the hanging of tobacco, while still being primarily used for stabling and fodder storage.

During this period, the barn is significant in two thematic categories; agricultural and architectural. As a livestock barn it represents the shift in agricultural practice after the Civil War to a greater emphasis on livestock and fodder crops, and then a later shift to the small-scale processing of tobacco. As a structure, it is an outstanding example of Victorian vernacular architecture, combining efficient use of functional space with elements of decorative detail. It can be closely compared with only one other barn of its type in Prince George's County: the livestock-and-fodder barn of the same period built

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*date* on the Belmont farm, another of the Belt family properties. Although the plan and function of the Belmont barn is very similar, the decorative elements make the Oatland barn unique and outstanding. Two other agricultural outbuildings bear some similarities to the Seton Belt barn. The carriagehouse/stable at Villa de Sales is a high-style Victorian Gothic style structure, built in a style compatible with that outstanding Victorian Gothic dwelling. This carriagehouse/stable also has clipped gables and louvered cupola, but its complex asymmetrical plan, ~~board-and-batten siding and slate multi-gable roof~~ make it a much more stylish and picturesque building.<sup>15</sup> In comparison, the dairy barn at Woodborough is a small and simple building, noticeable only for its clipped-gable roofline and its steeply pitched pyramidal-roof cupola.<sup>16</sup> Of these comparable buildings, the Seton Belt Barn is a unique example of its type, and even the type (Victorian livestock barn) is represented by only one other example. *date*

The structural integrity of the Seton Belt Barn at Oatland is essentially intact. The barn has been adapted within the last thirty years for the hanging of tobacco, but its structural members are intact, and the alterations were made by the addition of non-structural posts. Although some parts the building are in deteriorating condition, the building is structurally sound, and its exterior is not significantly changed from its original appearance. It is an excellent and unique example of a barn type, reflecting the agricultural trends of an area which, until the most recent generation, had its principal economic base in agriculture.

Notes:

1 Prince George's County Deed JRM #16:353.

2 Carter MS, private collection, letter written by Rosalie Stier Calvert to Charles Jean Stier, 18 February 1814; Translation, S.G. Pearl:

"The other day I bought an excellent farm, 600 acres, between here and Mont Albion [Goodwood] and I have leased it out for one year at 5% interest. There is not a single foot of this land which is not of the greatest fertility - 80 acres of it is wooded with the best quality timber, and there is plenty of arable land. I plan to call it Oatland. This is a very advantageous purchase. The poor fellow who had to offer it at public sale in order to pay his debts is

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always drunk. He is an "old bachelor" and has 700 adjoining acres where he lives in a handsome brick house. He cannot live very many more years, and [when he dies] the acreage which he has kept for himself will be offered for sale too."

3 Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1815-1830.

4 ibid

5 Prince George's County Deed AB #10:306.

6 Prince George's County Deed CSM #3:635; census records for Prince George's County 1850, 1860.

7 Prince George's County Marriage licenses; Planters' Advocate, July 1853; Census for Prince George's County 1860, 1870.

8 Prince George's County Deed of Partition FS #2:213.

9 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, Election District #7, 1871.

10 Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County;  
See "For the Preservation of Belt Woods: a Report to the District Council on Environmental Concerns and Ecological Priorities", June 1975.

11 Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1871-1915; Census records of Prince George's County 1860-1910; G.M. Hopkins, Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878, and Map of the Vicinity of Washington, D.C., 1894.

12 Prince George's County Deed #173:30.

13 Interview, April 1989, with tenant farmer.

14 Prince George's County Will WDA #5:99.

15 See PG #87B-13; Villa de Sales, including the carriagehouse/stable, is listed in the National Register.

16 See PG #87A-24.



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See Notes, Item #8

## Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property \_\_\_\_\_

SGS quad Lanham

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Verbal Boundary Description

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

☐ See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

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Organization Prince George's County Historic Preservation C date June 1989

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city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland zip code 20772

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #74A-14

Building Date: ca. 1880

Building Name: Seton Belt Barn

Location: Church Road, north of Central Avenue, Mitchellville, Maryland

Private/Agricultural/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Seton Belt Barn is a large rectangular multi-use barn with jerkinhead roof and louvered cupolas at the ridge. It is two stories high, and has an open central cross passage running between the long east and west sides. The barn is sheathed with circular-sawn horizontal boards, and rests on a brick foundation. There are six windows on the long east side at second level, and a second story door above each opening of the central cross-passage. Windows have plain board surrounds; all are louvered, and some windows have louvers which are adjustable by means of a central vertical shaft. The peaks of the gable roof are clipped at the north and south gable ends, forming a jerkinhead roof. The cornices are boxed and returned at these gable ends. Centered in each of the gable ends and enclosed within the returned cornices is a louvered bullseye window. There are two pyramidal-roof louvered cupolas at the ridge; each is decorated with jigsaw pendants at its overhanging eaves. The roof is covered with standing seam metal painted red.

Significance

The Seton Belt Barn is a unique example in Prince George's County of a large multi-use barn with clipped gables and decorated cupolas. It was built late in the nineteenth century by the family of Dr. William Seton Belt on land which had belonged to his wife's father. This land, known as Oatland, had been part of the Calvert family landholdings early in the nineteenth century, and was sold to Dr. Benjamin Lee in 1860. It passed to his daughter, Eleanor, who had married Dr. William Seton Belt in 1851; the Belts built a house on the property and spent the rest of their lives farming the land. It is probable that the barn was built by the sons of Dr. Belt in the latter years of the nineteenth century. After the death of Mrs. Belt's last heir, W. Seton Belt, Jr., in 1959, the property was devised to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C. The Belt family mansion, which stood a short distance northeast of the barn, was intended to become the home of retired Episcopalian priests, but the building was destroyed by vandalism in the 1960's. The barn now stands in an area of cultivated fields, used by tenant farmers. It is in gradually deteriorating condition, but is an important and unique example of its type in Prince George's County.

Acreage: 4 acres

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## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Seton Belt Barn

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number Church Road, north of Central Avenue ☐ not for publicationcity, town Mitchellville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name W. Seton Belt c/o Hugh Gourlaystreet & number 766 Old Hammonds Ferry Road telephone no.:city, town Linthicum state and zip code Maryland 21090

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber WDA #5street & number Main Street folio 99city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Historic Sites & Districts Plandate 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ localdepository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPCcity, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#74A-14

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Seton Belt Barn is a large rectangular multi-use barn with jerkinhead roof and louvered cupolas at the ridge. It has a central open drive-through aisle, and is distinguished by its unusual roofline and profile.

The barn is two stories high, six bays long and two bays wide, 80 by 40 feet; it has an open central cross passage running between the long east and west sides. The barn is sheathed with circular-sawn horizontal boards, and rests on a brick foundation topped by one course in rowlock. There are six windows on the long east side at second level, and a second story door above each opening of the central cross-passage. Windows have plain board surrounds; all are louvered, and some windows have louvers which are adjustable by means of a central vertical shaft.

The peaks of the gable roof are clipped at the north and south gable ends, forming a jerkinhead roof profile. The cornices are boxed and returned at these gable ends. Centered in each of the gable ends and enclosed within the returned cornices is a louvered bullseye window. There are pyramidal-roof louvered cupolas at the ridge; each is decorated with jigsawn pendants at its overhanging eaves. Both the barn roof and the roofs of the cupolas are covered with standing seam metal painted red.

There are two doors (in the first and third bays from the south) in the long west wall, in addition to the central cross passage. The doors are of vertical board, and badly weathered; some hang from strap hinges which may be original.

This is a multi-use barn, probably built for livestock use, but today used for the hanging of tobacco. The central aisle is 14 feet wide; on the northeast it leads into an enclosed dog-leg staircase, which has wide treads, beveled rail, and is sheathed with board and batten siding. The north end of the barn has vertical board open siding on the first story, and probably served as a corn crib and fodder storage area. Bounded by this corn crib, the staircase, and the central aisle, is a 21 foot square room. The rest of the first story, south of the central aisle, consists of four stalls.

The second story of the barn is now used for the hanging of tobacco. The interior members are a mixture of re-used and newer materials; the main posts and diagonal braces are hewn and pegged, while all intermediate posts are circular sawn and joined with nails.

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Survey No. P.G.#74A-14

Description (continued)

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The barn stands south and west of the site of the Belt home at Oatland, marked now by a grove of tall evergreens; this house was destroyed in the 1960's. A farm lane leads past the south end of the barn to a tenant dwelling; north and west of the barn are cultivated fields. At the southeast corner of the barn is a still-functioning pump; it is marked "#1452 Columbiana Pump Co., Columbiana, Ohio."

## 8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #74A-14

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1880's

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Seton Belt Barn is a unique example in Prince George's County of a large multi-use barn with clipped gables and decorated cupolas. It was built late in the nineteenth century by the family of Dr. William Seton Belt on land which had belonged to his wife's father. This land, known as Oatland, had been part of the Calvert family landholdings early in the nineteenth century, and was sold to Dr. Benjamin Lee in 1860.<sup>1</sup> His daughter, Eleanor, had married Dr. William Seton Belt in 1851; after her father's purchase of Oatland, the Belts built a fine house on the property and spent the rest of their lives farming the land. Dr. Belt died in 1870, but his widow survived him until 1915. Her sons helped her to farm the land, and it is probable that the barn was built in the latter years of the nineteenth century.<sup>2</sup> After the death of Mrs. Belt's last heir, W. Seton Belt, Jr. in 1959, the property was devised to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C.<sup>3</sup>

The Belt family mansion, which stood a short distance northeast of the barn, was intended to become the home of retired Episcopalian priests, but the building was destroyed by vandalism in the 1960's.

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### Notes

1 Prince George's County Deed CSM #3:635.

2 Prince George's County Deed #173:30; Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1984.

3 Prince George's County Will WDA #5:99; Estate file #13188.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG #74A-14

cf. Chain of Title  
cf. notes, Item #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property 4 acres

Tax Map 62, Parcel 56

Quadrangle name Lanham

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 74A-14 Date c. 1860  
Building Name W. Seaton Belt Barn ("Catland")  
Location NW sector, Church Road and Central Ave., Mitchellville, Md.  
Open to Public      yes   x   no

This is a large and unusual barn of the mid-nineteenth century, with jerkinhead gabled roof and cornice returns. Two cupolas, louvered and decorated with pendants, rise from the ridge, and there is a louvered bulls-eye window high in each gable end under the plane of the jerkinhead. The frame superstructure rests on a continuous brick foundation, laid in common bond, and the structure is divided in half crosswise by a wide central space, opening on each of the long walls.

The Seaton Belt Barn is located on a tract called "Oatland", part of a larger tract known as Partnership, which passed from the Hall family to Dr. Benjamin Lee, and became after 1860 the home of his daughter and her husband, William Seaton Belt, Senior. They lived in a handsome dwelling house which stood on a hill to the east of the barn, but was destroyed by vandalism in the 1960's. The property in 1921 passed to W. Seaton Belt, Junior, who has willed it to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C.



## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

P.G. 74A-14

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Seaton Belt Barn

AND/OR COMMON

"Oatland"

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Northwest sector, Church Road and Central Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Mitchellville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
5th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY  
P.G.**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES RESTRICTED  
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME W. Seaton Belt Estate

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

c/o Mercantile Safe Deposit - Real Estate, 2 Hopkins Plaza

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21201**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

P.G. County Courthouse

Liber #: 173

Folio #: 30

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE  
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic Sites Survey, Prince George's County

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Surratt House, 9110 Brandywine, Road, Clinton

CITY, TOWN

Clinton

Maryland

STATE

20735

# DESCRIPTION

PG:74A-14

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a very large (40' by 78') barn of the mid-nineteenth century, with jerkinhead gabled roof and cornice returns. Two cupolas, louvered and decorated with pendants, rise from the ridge, and there is a louvered bulls-eye window high in each gable end under the plane of the jerkinhead. The frame superstructure rests on a continuous brick foundation, laid in common bond, and the structure is divided in half crosswise by a wide central space, opening on each of the long walls.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# SIGNIFICANCE

PG: 74A-14

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds 173/30; OS. 13/535; AB. 10/306

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

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DATE

May 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

9110 Brandywine Road

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Clinton

STATE

Maryland

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Seaton Belt Farm-Barn

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West of Church Road, near Rte. 214.

CITY, TOWN

Largo

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

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☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
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☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

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☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

W. Seaton Belt-willed to Episcopal

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Diocese of Washington, D.C.

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
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Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

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### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**17 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This is a huge, rectangular-shaped frame barn. It is two stories in height, with a loft above that is capped by a jerkin-head roof. It is six bays in length, and there are large barn doors in the middle. There are two rows of louvered window/vents along the sides and in the gable-ends. The cornice is returned at the gable-ends. There are two, large frame ventilators atop the roof near the ends. They are quite decorative, having low hip roofs that overhang the louvered, lantern-type boxes. The edges of the roofs are trimmed with arrow-shaped pendants. The barn itself has clapboard siding.

# SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a one-of-a-kind barn for this area. It is a highly-sophisticated building, and certainly the only one like it in either Prince George's or Montgomery Co. This has been a Belt farm for generations. They were among the largest land owners in Maryland well into this century. Property deeded to Episcopal Church in recent years, and several attempts have been made to develop this large farm into a church-affiliated housing project.

**19 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

10/8/74

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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STATE OF MD.  
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R-R

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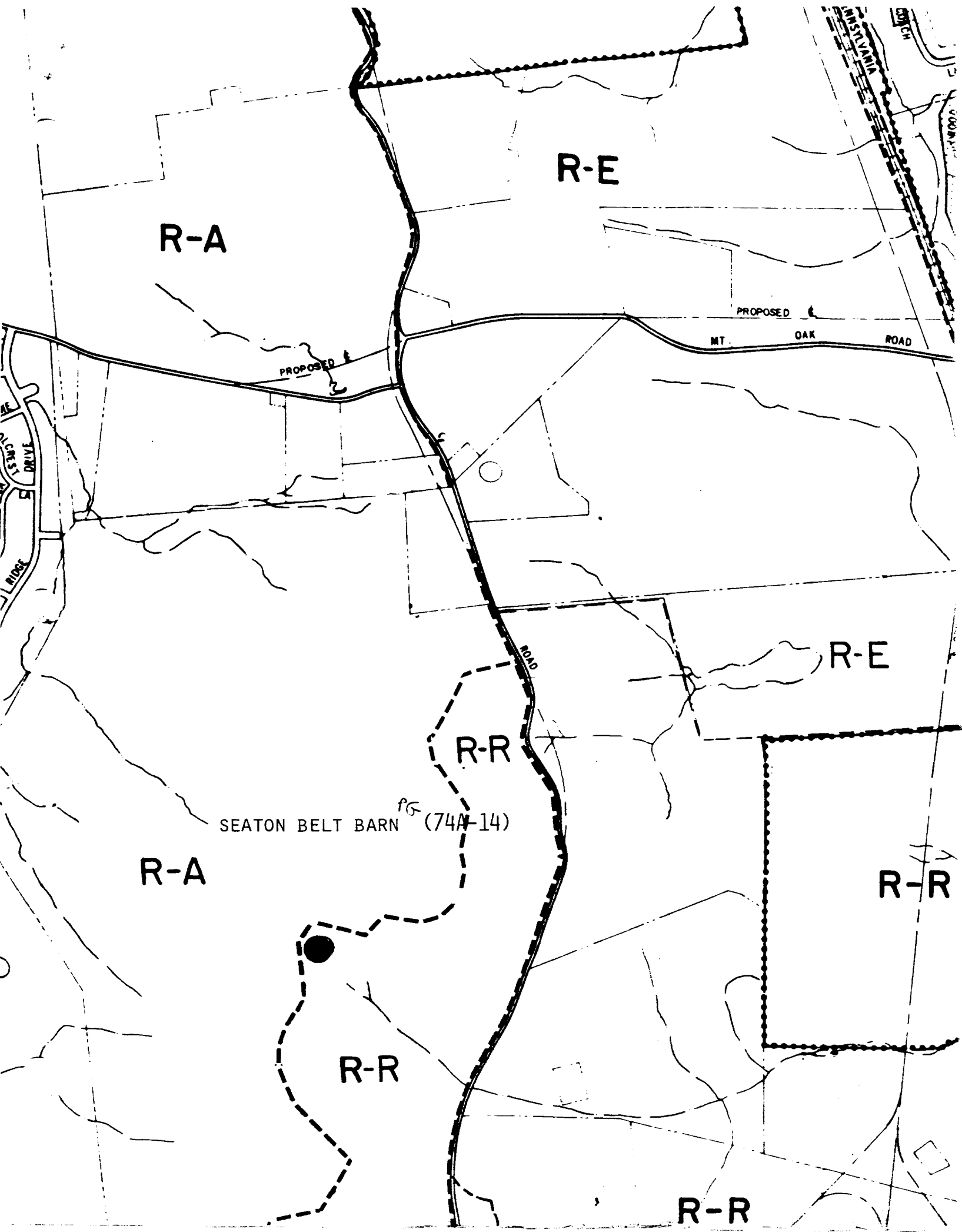
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Church Rd

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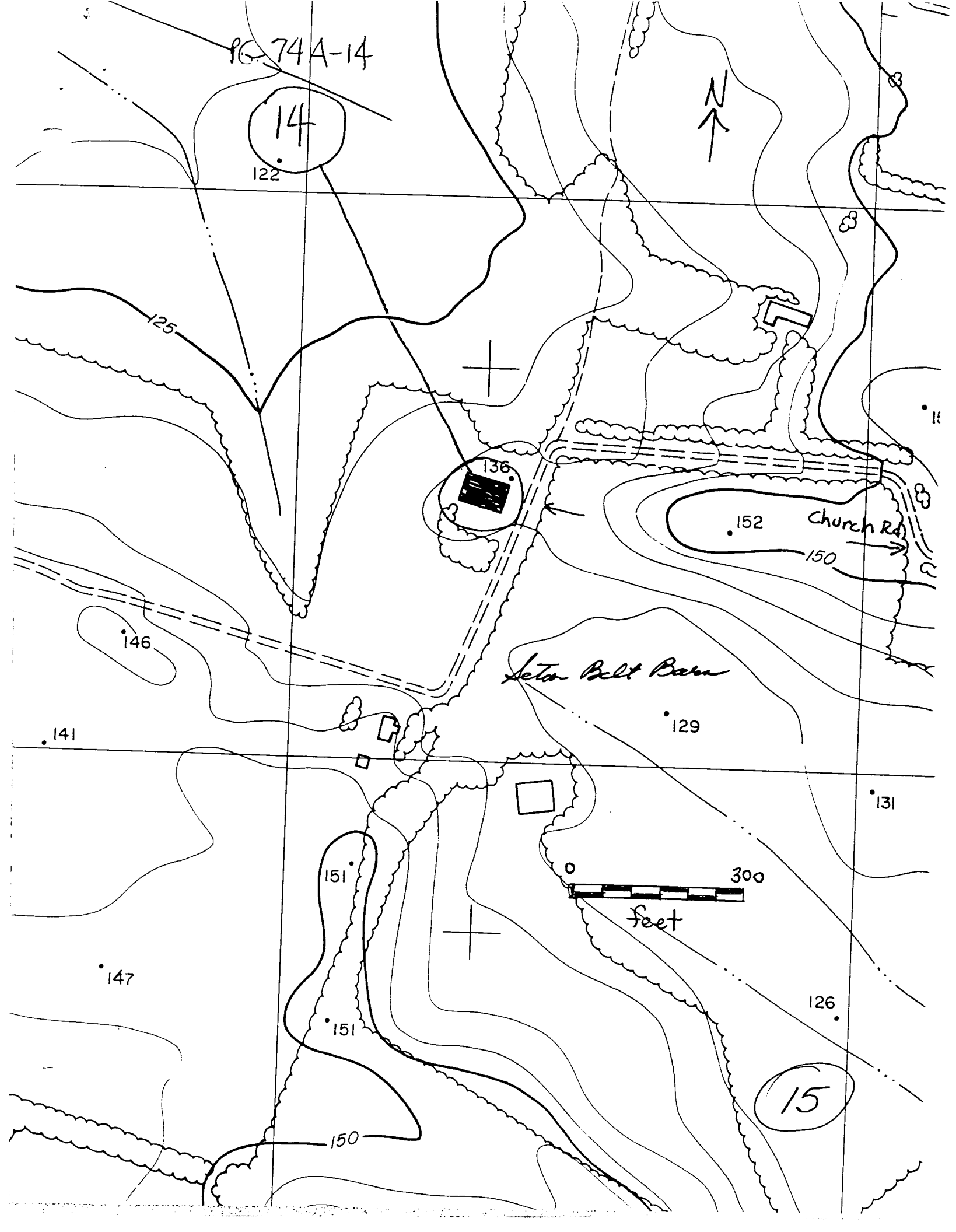
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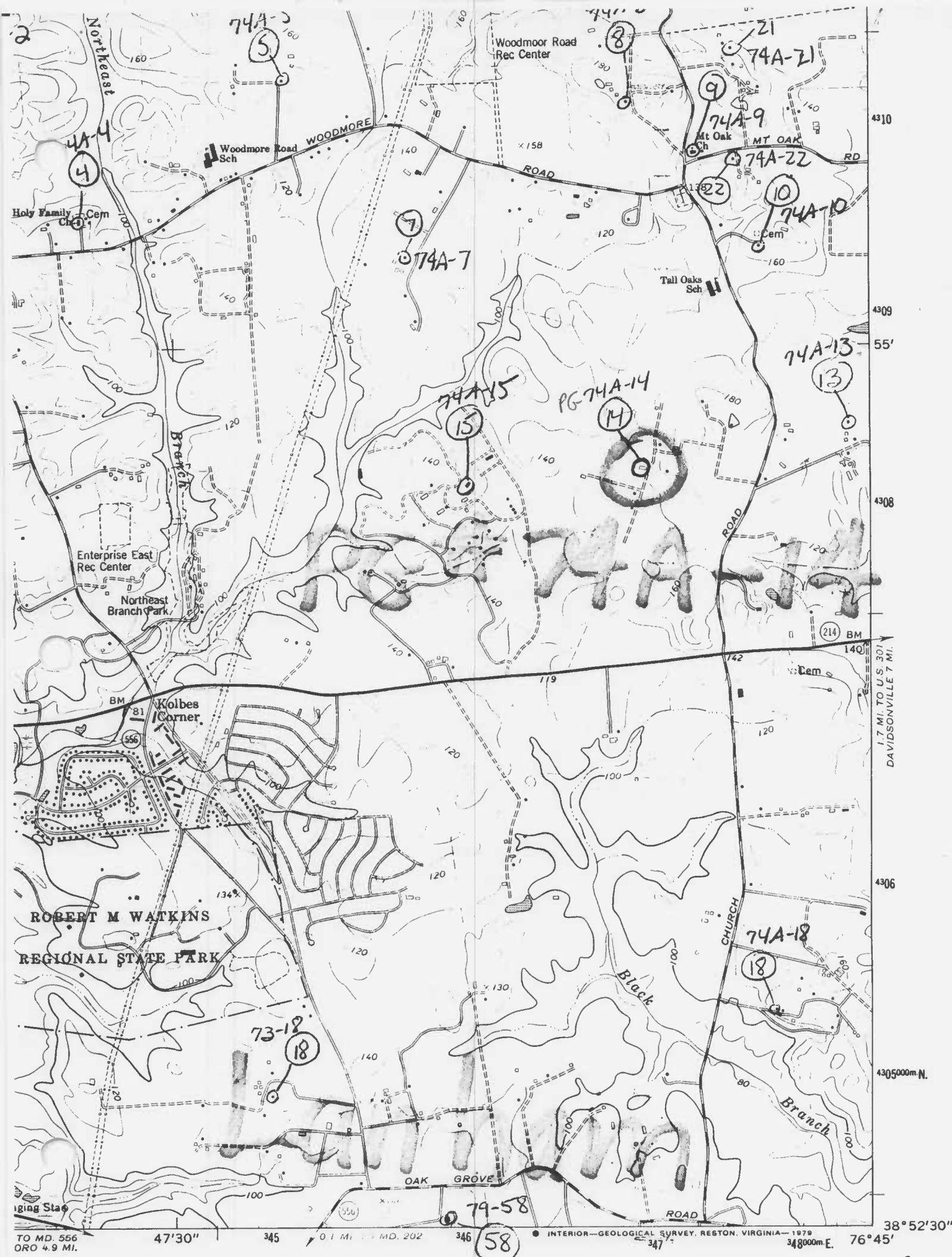
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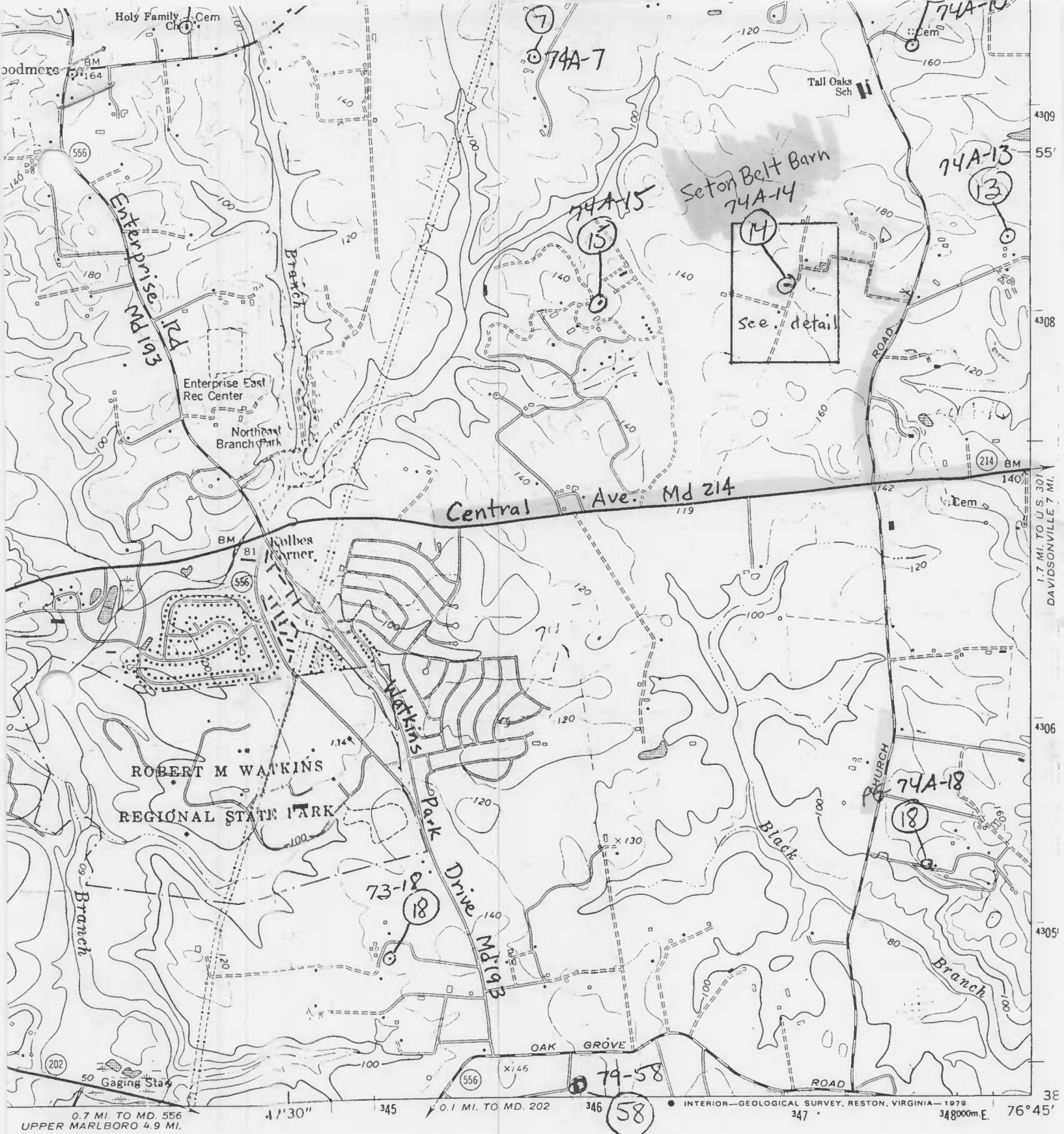
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0.7 MI. TO MD. 556  
UPPER MARLBORO 4.9 MI.

41'30"

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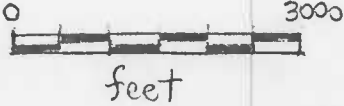
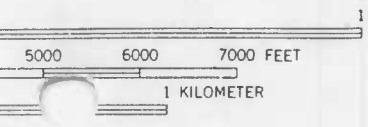
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76°45'



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty —————
- Medium-duty - - - - -
- Light-duty —————
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- Interstate Route (thick solid line)
- U. S. Route (thin solid line)
- State Route (dashed line)

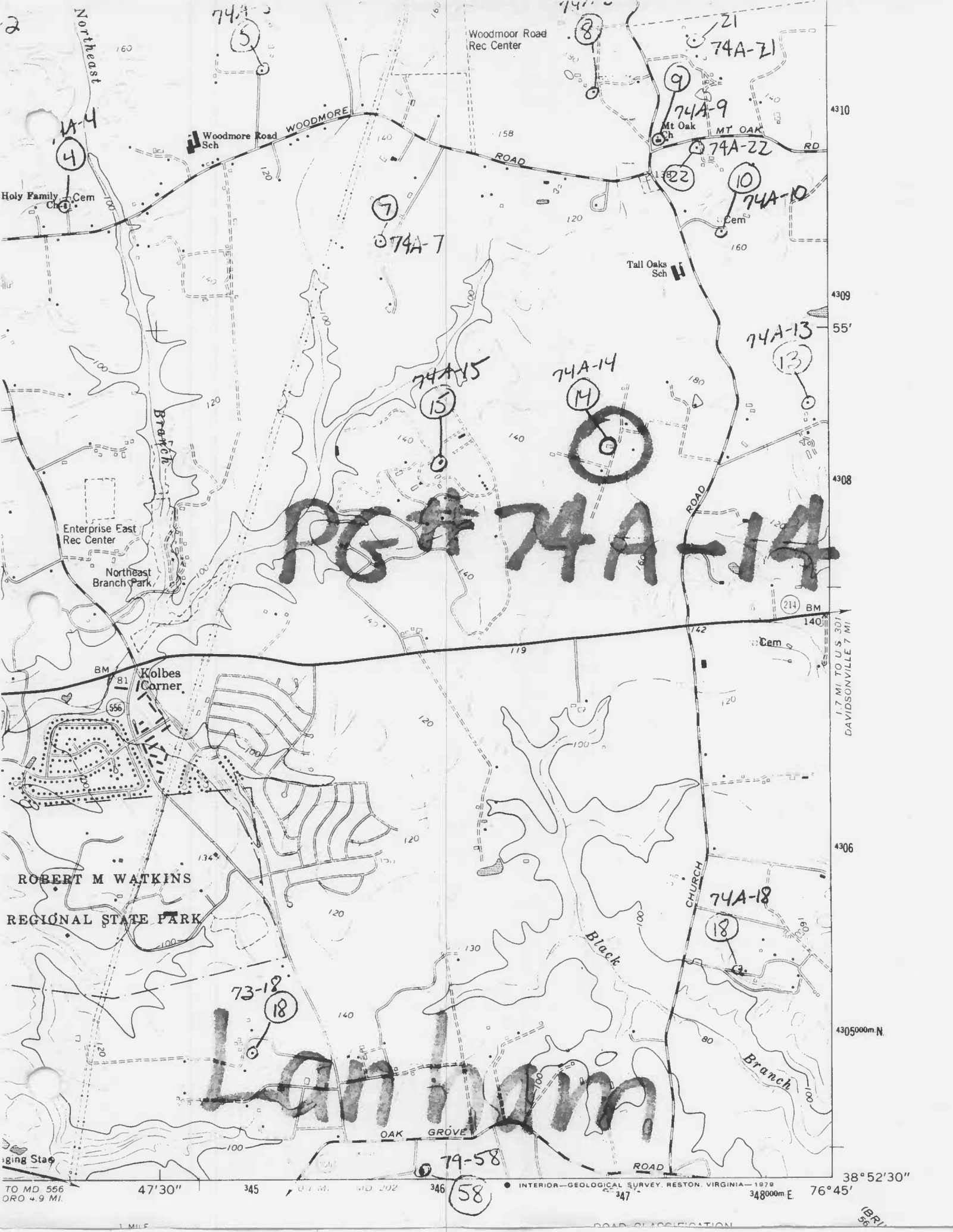
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PURACY STANDARDS

Boundaries shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs

LANHAM, MD.

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NAME SEATON BELT BARN

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LOCATION W OF CHURCH Rd, N OF Rt 214 CARGO, Md

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SW

Saton Bell Barn  
Prince George's Co., MD  
Susan H. Pearl

April 1988

Southwest  $\frac{3}{4}$  elevation  
Neg. Md. West Thrust,  
Annapolis, MD

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Iron Belt Barn

Princi George's Co., MD

Susan H. Pearl

April 1988

West elevation (sonet)

Fig: Md. Heron Thrust,  
Annapolis, MD.



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Acton Bell Barn

Prince George's Co. MD

Ausan H. Pearl

April 1988

Northwest 3/4 Elevation

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Annapolis, MD

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Leton Belt Barn  
Prince Georges Co. MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1989

Northwest place,  
view north

Neg. Md Heat Treat,  
Annapolis, Md.

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Seton Belt Barn

P.G. County

Susan Pearl

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SW space, N view

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Center passage, view N

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Seton Bell Barn

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Stable, SE corner

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view to S, down staircase

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View up staircase, to N

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Seton Belt Barn

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Second story, view to SE  
to chute

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stall, view to N

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stable, view to NW

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Seton Belt Barn

Susan Pearl

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S. door into stable

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